



BY THE KING.

¶ A Proclamation for the better Government of His Majesties Army, and for the preventing the Plundring, Spoyling, and Robbing of His Majesties Subjects, under any Pretence whatsoever, upon paine of the Punishments herein Declared.



WE, Having taken into Our Princely and serious consideration the great misery and ruine falling, and likely to fall upon Our good Subjects (if not timely prevented) by the Plundring, Robbing, and Spoyling of their Houses, and taking from them their Money, Plate, Householdstuffe, Cattle and other goods, under pretence of their being dis-affected to Us and Our Service; And these unjust and unlawfull Actions done by diverse Souldiers of Our Army, and others sheltering themselves in the same, under that Title; Have, of Our tender commiseration of such their sufferings, as detesting all such Horrid and Barbarous proceedings, and for their future defence and preservation, thought fit to publish and declare Our Royall pleasure to be; That from hence-forth no Officer, Souldier of Horse or foot, or Party sent from Our Army, presume to search for, or seize upon any Money, Plate, Goods or Householdstuffe belonging to any of Our Subjects, of what condition soever, without Our expresse Warrant for the same, under Our Signe Manuall, declaring the cause of such seizure: And if any, either Officer or Souldier of Our Army of Horse or Foot, presume from hence-forth, to Plunder, Spoye or Robbe any of Our People, or take from them any their Money, Plate, Householdstuffe or any Oxen, Sheep or other Cattle, or any Victualls, Corne, Hay or other Commodities or Provisions going to, or from any Our Markets or otherwise, being in the Grounds Houses or Possession of any of Our Subjects without giving full satisfaction for the same, upon complaint made thereof Wee will and command the Officer in chief of the Quarter, within which such Fact shall be committed, to proceed against such Offendor or Offendors by the Law Martiall, without Favour or Connivence, and to cause him or them to be executed accordingly without Mercy. And if any Officer in chiefe of such Quarter shall either neglect or refuse to doe Iustice upon any person whatsoever offending against any particular herein mentioned, Our will is, and We doe require the Party grieved to repaire unto Us wheresoever We shall remaine, and appeale to Our Iustice, which We shall be ever most ready to afford any of Our Subjects for redresse of their sufferings in any the least kind whatsoever. Likewise for the better Order in Our Army, and for the prefer-

vation of the due government thereof, We do farther strictly charge and Command all Officers and Souldiers both of Horse and Foot of the same, as also all Parties sent out; That they nor any of them presume to depart or be absent from their Quarter, without a Passe or Licence under the hand of the Officer commanding in chiefe in such Quarter of Our Army, upon pain of Death, nor that any other, but such Our Officer in chiefe, presume to give any passe or other Licence to any Officer or Souldier to be absent upon pain of Cashiering. And that Our pleasure herein declared may be fully observed, and produce the effects We intend for the good and security of Our Subjects, We do hereby further require all the Officers commanding in chiefe, in any the Quarters of Our Army, to cause this Our Proclamation to be published and made known to all the Officers and Souldiers under their Command, and to see that severe and due punishment be inflicted upon such as shall henceforth offend against any the least particulars herein before mentioned, As they and every of them expect to avoid Our high displeasure for the neglect thereof.

¶ *Given at Our Court at Reading, the 25 day of November, in the
Eighteenth yeare of Our Reigne.*

God save the King.

